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SUBJECT: UNCTAD SUGAR CONFERENCE: OPENING SESSION

1. AT OPENING SESSION OF UNCTAD SUGAR CONFERENCE IN GENEVA SEPTEMBER 12, CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN JONES-PARRY OUTLINED AREAS IN WHICH DECISION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE DURING SESSION. THESE WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A) STOCKS AND FINANCING INCLUDING DECISIONS ON SIZE OF STOCKS; WHETHER FINANCING FROM FUND WOULD COVER ONLY CARRYING COSTS OR ALSO INTEREST CHARGES ON PURCHASE OF SUGAR; AND WHETHER FINANCING WOULD BE IN LOAN OR GRANT FORM.

B) BASIC EXPORT TONNAGES.

C) QUOTA MECHANISMS

D) PRICES

E) SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS
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2. RE STOCKS AND FINANCING, JONES-PARRY NOTED THAT DRAFT ARTICLES HAD BEEN PREPARED BY US; HOWEVER, ARTICLES HAD BEEN PREPARED AT HIS REQUEST AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ONLY AS WORKING DOCUMENT.

3. ON BETS, JONES-PARRY SAID THAT HIS ESTIMATE OF THE

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SIZE OF THE FREE MARKET FOR 1978 WAS 16 MILLION TONS. BECAUSE OF THIS, IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT THERE WOULD BE A NUMBER OF DISAPPOINTMENTS AMONG EXPORTERS. (JONES-PARRY'S ESTIMATES WILL BE RELEASED AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 12).

4. RE QUOTA MECHANISMS, JONES-PARRY NOTED THAT ONE OF MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEMS APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN RESOLVED WITH CONSENSUS REACHED AT LONDON THAT QUOTAS WOULD OPERATE IN LOWER HALF OF PRICE RANGE.

5. RE PRICES, JONES-PARRY SAID HE HOPED EXPORTERS WOULD MEET AMONG THEMSELVES, AS WOULD IMPORTERS, AND MAKE PROPOSALS TO HIM.

6. ON SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS, JONES-PARRY SAID HE WOULD INVITE REPS OF CUBA, USSR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND POLAND TO MEET WITH HIM TO FORMULATE PROPOSALS TO HANDLE THIS ISSUE.

7. JONES-PARRY STRESSED THAT RUMORS THAT CONFERENCE WOULD RUN FOR A FOURTH WEEK WERE UNFOUNDED. CONFERENCE WOULD CONCLUDE AS SCHEDULED ON SEPTEMBER 30. VANDEN HEUVEL

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